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BOARD MINUTES

HISTORIC SITE BOARD
September 18, 2006

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information

- **Call to Order**

8:35 pm

- **Members Present:**

Johnson

Jim Royle

Carmen Lucas

Margie Warner

Eldonna Lay

Vicki Estrada

- **Staff Present:**

Glenn Russell

Gail Wright

Donna Beddow

Paul

- **Members Absent:** None

- **Other General Information:** None

B. Conflict of Interest Declaration: None

C. Approval of June 19, 2006 Board Minutes, and August 21, 2006 Board Minutes

Approval of the June 19, 2006 Board Minutes as corrected; Motion by Paul Johnson to approve minutes; 2nd by Margie Warner; motion carried 5-0-0

Approval of the August 21, 2006 Board Minutes; motion by Paul Johnson, 2nd by Eldonna Lay; motion carried 4-0-1

D. Reports:

- HSB Presentation – Grossmont/Mt. Helix Monday, September 11, 2006; 7:00 pm
- UCSD Historic Preservation Workshop September 21, 2006 – Presentation by HSB staff; postponed until November due to lack of registration.
- County Business Process Re-Engineering – Consultant list completed and approved.

- Response to SOHO letter regarding demolition – No action by staff except to continue to flag known historic properties, and potential historic properties.
- Thing Brothers Store letter – Still no response from property owner;
- Lilian Rice Rowhouse – Staff is working on this item.

E. Announcements:

- San Diego County Archaeological Society meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 8pm: Presenter: Scott Mattingly - "A Predictive Model of Archaeological Site Locations". Scott is a former student worker in DPLU.
- National Preservation Conference 2006: October 31-November 5 – Pittsburgh
- California Preservation Foundation workshop in Rancho Santa Fe on October 20, 2006; (Flyer/Reservation form handout available) – Glenn to follow-up with DPLU
- McRae/Albright Ranch Home Tours, October 14, 2006 9AM – 3PM; \$5.00

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comment: None

B. County Department of Parks and Recreation: Dr. Lynne Christenson, County Historian:

- Parks has an SDSU graduate student that will be studying the rock art site at Rancho Guajome as a thesis project. The site is thought to be approximately 3000 years old.
- Felicita Park – Parks is developing background information for the National Register
- Rancho Peñasquitos: National Register listing for a Rancho Peñasquitos District was rejected (would include both the historic and prehistoric components) at the Washington level. The original documents were submitted in 1994 and were not complete. Parks will have to prepare new documents for nomination.
- Dr. Christenson will be giving a presentation at the national Recreation and Park Association in Seattle. The presentation is titled: "How to Manage County Parks". She will report on the conference to the Board in October.

C. Presentation: None

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 3 – THE JAMES & AGATHA YOUNGBLOOD/CLIFF MAY HOUSE – MAA 06-004

Applicant: Vonn Marie May, Historical Consultant
Owner: Lawrence T. Shannon & Candice Ridge
Location: 17538 El Vuelo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067, APN 267-020-03-00
Community Planning Group: Rancho Santa Fe
Supervisor District: 5- Bill Horn

Description: This classic 1974 Youngblood California Ranch house was designed by the renowned master architect Clifford Magee May. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, the Youngblood's first California home was in La Jolla. While observing many of the residences within her neighborhood, Agatha Youngblood was drawn to a mid-1930's Cliff May hacienda style home. Conducting her own research she learned that Cliff May was the architect, descended from the old California's Estudillo family. Once deciding to relocate to Rancho Santa Fe, the Youngblood's commissioned Cliff May to design their new home. Although this residence is less than 50 years old, Section V.(d)(2) states (in part): "A resource less than 50 years old may be considered for listing in the Local Register if it can be determined that sufficient time has passed to understand its historical importance". This project is being brought to the HSB for historic landmarking and for participation in the Mills Act contract.

Meeting Notes: Owners were represented by consultant Vonn Marie May, who talked about the setting and the great influence that Cliff May had on American architecture. Owners Lawrence T. Shannon and Candice Ridge were also attended and were available to answer questions.

Board Action: Recommend placement of this house (lot APN 267-020-03-00) on the Local Register of Historic Resources as Landmark Number 2006-004 and for participation in the Mills Act Contract. The HSB found the property eligible for listing despite the relatively young age, in order to provide preservation of this late example of a master architect's work. Staff finds this resource to be significant under V (b) (3) Architecture and Master Builder. The Landmark includes the entry arch and landscape immediately around the house in association with the original Youngblood plantings.

Motion to approve recommendation by Paul Johnson;

2nd by Margie Warner

Motion carried 4-0-2 (Carmen Lucas and Eldonna Lay abstained)

ITEM 4 – THE DESCANSO ROCK CABIN – MAA 06-005

Applicant: Robert & Joanne Elkins

Owner: Robert & Joanne Elkins

Location: 25121 Oak Lane, Descanso, CA 91916, APN 408-232-44-00

Community Planning Group: Descanso

Supervisor District: 2- Dianne Jacob

Description: Built in 1929, the Descanso Rock Cabin is an eye-catching feature in the Descanso community, 38 miles east of downtown San Diego. The Cabin is situated along the banks of the Descanso Creek in an area named Descanso Park by its developer, Peter Jacobs in 1926. The Descanso Rock Cabin is an example of the original mountain retreats built in the Descanso Park area in the early 1900s. This project is being brought to the HSB for historic landmarking.

Meeting Notes: Comments were positive as to the historic significance of the rock house. Suggestions were made that the roof colors should match (the porch addition roof color is different from that of the rest of the structure. The aluminum awning over the front porch is not consistent with the 1920's décor of the rest of the house. At least some of the landscaping should be included in the landmarking, especially the mature trees. Is there know history about other structures on the property? The owner or representative was not present to answer questions. Cherry Diefenbaker, a resident of Pine Valley and owner of a potentially historic house in Pine Valley spoke in favor of listing the rock cabin and would like to see other historic places landmarked so that community character is maintained.

Board Action: Recommend placement of this house, on lot APN 408-232-44-00, on the Local Register of Historic Resources as Landmark Number 2006-005. Staff finds this resource to be significant under Criteria V (b)(3) Distinctive characteristics of a type and period in San Diego County's history.

Motion by Vicki Estrada to continue action to October or to such future meeting that the applicant can attend.

2nd by Eldonna

Motion carried: 6-0-0-

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 5 – ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES: REPORT FORMAT AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Description: Draft Report titled: “Format and Content Requirements for Archaeological and Historic Resources” has been distributed by mail to all board members (part of the public review process). The content of this document and the County processes are open for discussion by the Board.

ITEM 6 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, October 16, 2006
- Descanso Rock House to be reconsidered for listing.

ITEM 7– ADJOURNMENT

7:55 PM

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Chairman, Jim Royle

October 16, 2006

Vice-Chairman, Paul Johnson

October 16, 2006